

HA-1659

P.O. Mitchell and Bros. Inc.

Office

Perryman, Md.

Capsule-Summary

The canning industry was once a major aspect in the economic life of Harford County. This building is the office of one of the last remaining canning firms active in the County. It is located in the center of the small rural village of Perryman, a settlement surrounded by the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and agricultural fields. Despite its small size and simplicity, the building is quite stylish with its hipped roof and dark shingles.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

W.O. Mitchell & Brothers Inc.

AND/OR COMMON

Mitchell's Office building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

427 Michaelsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Perryman

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Parker Mitchell Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 36

CITY, TOWN

Perryman

VICINITY OF

Maryland

21130

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 537

Folio #: 91

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

SA-57

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This office building is located at 417 Michaelsville Road, on the northeast side of the street, north of the intersection with Railroad Avenue. It is a one story frame structure with a rock face concrete block foundation and a hipped roof. It is three bays wide, with a center entrance on the south elevation that fronts Railroad Avenue. The building is 5 bays long, and has hipped roof porches sheltering the south and north entrances. These porches are supported by tapered square columns. Windows are 6/1 and the exterior is clad in dark cedar shingles. The roof is of modern materials, and the roof rafters are exposed and finished with a plumb cut. There is a brick chimney in the northwest corner that vents a fireplace in the President's office.

The interior is divided into a number of office spaces. The floors are wooden planks, and the walls are finished with 2" grooved planking. The interior is finished with dark stain.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is the office of P.O. Mitchell and Bothers, Inc., the largest canning firm still operating in Harford County. Canning was once a vital part of the economy in the county up through the 1920's. By that time, the larger businesses had made small canning operations unprofitable, and the canning factories relocated to the eastern shore where they still operate today. The history of the canning industry in Harford County is a ripe research topic--aside from statistics in old agricultural books, there is no written history of this once thriving local industry that employed not only County residents, but laborers from Baltimore City as well.

Like the Perryman Post Office (HA-1658) across the street, this office building is quite stylish for its place and time. A rural village like Perryman is hardly a place where one would look to see architectural innovation, but there is no denying that with its dark shingles, tapered columns and exposed rafters that the Mitchell office has a slight flavor of "California Mission" about it. In any case, it certainly rejects the applied decoration of the late 19th century, for something more subtle and less ostentatious.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Phillip Lord Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE June 1981

STREET & NUMBER 45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE 858-6000 X 235

CITY OR TOWN Bel Air

STATE Maryland 21014

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